

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for activating an electric parking brake of a motor vehicle (1), in particular a road motor vehicle, wherein
 - an initiation of a shut-down operation for turning off a drive motor (3) of the motor vehicle (1) is detected;
 - after initiation of a shut-down operation, the electric parking is activated first, and only then
 - is the drive motor (3) turned off.
2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein an operating state of an electric energy supply (5, 7) for activating the electric parking brake is ascertained, in particular a charge state of an energy store (7) of the electric energy supply (5, 7), and a decision is made as a function of the operating state as to whether the drive motor (3) will be used to activate the electric parking brake.
3. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein an angle of inclination of the motor vehicle (1) is ascertained and a decision is made as a function of the amount of the angle of inclination as to whether the drive motor (3) will be used to activate the electric parking brake.
4. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 3, wherein it is determined whether the vehicle (1) is stopped, and the electric parking brake will be activated only when the motor vehicle (1) is stopped.
5. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 4, wherein the operation of the drive motor (3) is maintained during an interval having a defined length and

- . beginning with the initiation of the shut-down operation and/or with the receipt of a corresponding shut-down signal.
6. A device for activating an electric parking brake of a motor vehicle (1), in particular a road motor vehicle (1), having
- an activation device (14) for generating an activation signal by which the electric parking brake is activated,
- characterized by
- an engine control device (10) for controlling a shut-down operation, by which a drive motor (3) of the motor vehicle (1) is turned off; and
 - a detection device (12) for detecting the initiation of a shut-down operation for turning off the drive motor (3), which is connected to the activation device (14) and the engine control device (10),
- the activation device (14) and the engine control device (10) being designed and combined with each other in such a way that, after initiation of the shut-down operation, first the electric parking brake is activated by the activation signal while the operation of the drive motor (3) is maintained in the meantime, and the drive motor (3) is turned off only afterwards.
7. The device as recited in Claim 6, including an operating state device (8) for determining an operating state of an electric energy supply (5, 7) for an activation of the electric parking brake, the operating state device (8) being coupled to the engine control device (10), so that the operation of the drive motor (3) is able to be maintained as a function of the operating state until activation of the electric parking brake.

8. . The device as recited in Claim 6 or 7, having a detection device (18) for detecting an angle of inclination of the motor vehicle (1), the detection device (18) being coupled to the engine control device (10), so that the operation of the drive motor (3) is able to be maintained as a function of the magnitude of the angle of inclination until activation of the electric parking brake.
9. The device as recited in one of Claims 6 through 8, having a movement device (16) for determining whether the motor vehicle (1) is stopped, the movement device (16) being coupled to the engine control device (10), so that the operation of the drive motor (3) is able to be maintained as a function of the standstill of the motor vehicle (1) until activation of the electric parking brake.